

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2828 - HB 2593**

February 5, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the State Attorney General and Reporter to develop policies and standards under which research records at public higher education institutions may be closed to the public. The Chancellor of the TBR system and the President of UT will make a determination of closure based on these policies. If a determination cannot be made, such records shall be submitted to the Attorney General for a determination within 30 days of submission.

Current law requires that after a determination of closure by the Chancellor of TBR or the President of UT, a copy of the contract of the sponsored research, and other related information, shall be submitted to the Attorney General, who will have a period not to exceed 6 months to review such contract and to affirmatively agree with the designation. Pending such determination by the Attorney General, such records shall be confidential.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

Assumes some additional personnel cost to the Attorney General's Office since a determination will now have to be made within 30 days as opposed to a period of up to 6 months. However, it is estimated that such increase, if any, will not be significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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